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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

God, our guide, we yield our day, our plans, our wills to Your counsel. How much better is Your grace plan than anything we could create on our own? How much more valuable even than gold is Your wisdom? To have insight to Your understanding is better even than silver.

May our minds, our hearts, our ears be open to discern Your guidance today. You set before each of us trusted instruments of Your own divine counsel: staff directors and assistants, legal counselors, clerks and protocol experts, public affairs directors, all sorts of people who devote their time and talent to the success of this congressional process.

Speak clearly through them that we would hear. Stop us in our tracks if we head the wrong direction. Direct our steps that we would walk in Your will for our lives.

Remind us that our plans fail when we choose not to receive Your counsel. Give us the wisdom to heed the guidance You offer from all those whom You place in our path this day. Hear our prayers as we listen for Your voice. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. GARCIA) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. GARCIA of Texas led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

### COVERUP AT ROBB ELEMENTARY

(Mr. GREEN of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, and still I rise. And I rise today to call upon the Governor of the State of Texas to denounce the coverup by the pusillanimous peace officers at Robb Elementary.

If you have seen that video and it does not tug at your heart, you need help. I stand with those parents who are suffering. It is time for us to get to the bottom of what happened at that elementary school. The Governor laid the foundation at his initial press conference for the coverup that has taken place.

Governor, we are going to hold you accountable. You can't allow such things to happen without denouncing them, at minimum, and there may be more that you can do. Use all of your powers, Governor, to bring justice to the families who are suffering.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CORREA). Members are reminded to direct their remarks to the Chair.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Byrd, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 3470. An act to provide for the implementation of certain trafficking in contracting provisions, and for other purposes.

### RETURN TO AMERICAN ENERGY DOMINANCE

(Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, this week, while gas prices remain near record levels across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, President Biden has chosen to spend his time meeting with Saudi Arabia instead of American energy producers.

By canceling the Keystone XL pipeline, and by refusing to allow new drilling leases here in the U.S., the current administration has declared a war on American energy. Instead of using cleaner and less expensive American energy, President Biden is now turning to OPEC to drill the oil that we so desperately need.

Because of skyrocketing inflation, American families are spending an extra \$5,000 a year on everyday items. Right now, Americans are pulling up to the gas pump, and after filling their tank, they don't have money to buy their kids lunch.

To get our Nation back on track, we need to rely on American energy, not Saudi Arabia. We need to unleash American energy, and we need to return to American energy dominance.

### STRIPPING AWAY WOMEN'S RIGHTS

(Ms. GARCIA of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of women and their fundamental rights to reproductive healthcare.

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